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use need only to hear the familiar "clink," "clink," as his rider paces beside him, before mounting, to go for half a day at a time without necessitating its use.

It is with pleasure that this relic, mystical though its history may be, is presented to the Association. While its true story may never be told, it is nevertheless safe to assume that it played its part in the grand drama that shook the world in "the days that tried men's souls."

A specimen of the violet spotted salamander (*Amblystoma punctatum*) was shown, in which the tail was bifurcated, each branch being about half an inch in length. It was captured by Mr. John Tynan in the Snug Harbor woods, and presented to the Association.

SCIENTIFIC NEWS.

The next meeting of the British Association will be held at Leeds, in week commencing September 3d, under the Presidency of Sir Frederick Augustus Abel, C.B., D.C.L., D.Sc., F.R.S., V.P.C.S.

The general Committee will meet on Wednesday, the 3d of September, at 1 P.M., for the election of sectional officers, and the despatch of business usually brought before that body. On this occasion there will be presented the report of the Council, embodying their proceedings during the past year. The General Committee will meet again on Monday, September 8, at 3 P.M., for the purpose of appoint-officers for 1891, and of deciding on the place of meeting in 1892. The concluding meeting of this Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 10, at 1 P.M., when the report of the Committee of Recommendations will be received.

The first general meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 3d of September, at 8 P.M., when the President will deliver an address; the concluding meeting on Wednesday, the 10th of September, at 2.30 P.M., when the Association will be adjourned to its next place of meeting.

At two evening meetings, which will take at 8.30 P.M., discourses on certain branches of science will be delivered.

There will also be other evening meetings, at which opportunity will be afforded for general conversation among the members.

SECTIONAL MEETINGS.—The sections are: A, Mathematical and Physical Science; B, Chemical Science; C, Geology; D, Biology; E, Geography; F, Economic Science and Statistics; G, Mechanical Science; H, Anthropology.